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SUBJ: PRC MEDIA REPORTS NEPAL'S DISARMING OF THE KHAMPAS

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SUMMARY. PRC MEDIA ON AUGUST 28 CARRIED ITS FIRST REPORT OF KATHMANDU'S EFFORTS TO DISARM "TIBETAN REBELS" IN NORTHERN NEPAL. THE NCNA REPORT CREDITED NEPALESE EFFORTS AND INITIATIVE IN SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL SECURITY AND MADE REFERENCE TO FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR THE KHAMPA REBELS. END SUMMARY.

1. PRC MEDIA AUGUST 28 IN ITS FIRST AND PREDICTABLY FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE NEPALESE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO DISARM THE "TIBETAN REBELS" LIVING IN ITS NORTHERN BORDER AREAS COMMENTED THAT SUCH MEASURES ARE NECESSARY "TO SAFEGUARD" NEPAL'S "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY". (IN JULY PEKING'S COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS IN HONG KONG HAD PUBLISHED FOREIGN WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF THE KATHMANDU GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ULTIMATUM TO THE KHAMPA TIRBESMEN TO GIVE UP THIER ARMS

AND SETTLE DOWN.) WITHOUT FURTHER PRONOUNCEMENT, THE ARTICLE NOTED KATHMANDU OFFICIAL ASSERTIONS THAT THE TIBETAN REBELS' "ANTI-NATIONAL" ACTIVITIES HAD THREATENED TO JEOPARDIZE THE NATIONAL SECURITY AS WELL AS CAUSED INSECURITY AMONG THE PEOPLE, AND THAT NEPAL CANNOT TOLERATE THE REBELS' USING BORDER AREAS AS "BASES FOR LAUNCHING HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AGAINST OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR CHINA". THE NCNA ARTILC EALSO MENTIONED THE KING'S DETERMINATION TO SOLVE "THE PROBLEM."

2. THE ARTICLE REFERRED TO NEPALESE GOVERNMENT AND PRESS STATEMENTS ABOUT SUPPORT TO THE KHAMPAS FROM " AMONG THE RICH AND POWERFUL COUNTRIES" AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF "SOME IMPERIALIST AND NEO-COLONIALIST FORCES WHO WERE TRYING TO MAKE USE OF THE PROBLEM OF THE TIBETAN REBELS TO OPPOSE OUR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS". THE NCNA REPORT, HOWEVER, DID NOT LINK TO KHAMPAS' DECLINE WITH AN IMPROVEMENT IN US-CHINA RELATIONS (REFTEL).
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